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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314-1000

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

AUG 25 2003

CECW-P (1105-10b)

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Planning Centers of Expertise

1. Reference memorandum dated 16 April 2003, subject: Planning Centers of Expertise.
2. The referenced memorandum stated our intent to name USACE Planning Centers of Expertise and requested information to make such a determination. Your response have been reviewed and the following designation has been decided for the five key business functions:

Inland Navigation - CELRD
Deep Draft Navigation - CESAD
Flood Damage Reduction - CESPD
Hurricane and Storm Damage Prevention - CENAD
Ecosystem Restoration - CEMVD

3. I have also chosen CESWD to be the USACE Planning Center of Expertise for Water Supply and Reallocation and I am acknowledging CENWD as the National Hydropower Planning Center of Expertise.
4. In addition, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers National Nonstructural /Flood Proofing Committee (NFPC) is an excellent support element for Nonstructural Flood Damage Reduction. The NFPC has the capability to provide assistance to truly innovative planning, including nonstructural flood damage reduction, flood plain management, ecosystem restoration, and combined NED/NER planning. The NFPC can provide support for at least three of the five key business functions: flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage prevention, and ecosystem restoration.
5. Enclosed for your information and use is a roles statement for USACE Planning Centers of Expertise.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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PLANNING CENTER OF EXPERTISE ROLE

An USACE planning center of expertise will primarily focus on plan formulation and the complex technical evaluation associated with the plan formulation. The center will provide support in the following areas:

- The center will provide consulting services and at the direction of HQUSACE the center would accomplish very costly, highly complex and controversial studies or key analytical components of very costly, highly complex and controversial studies.
- The center would provide accomplishment of key analytical components of studies as directed by the Planning Chiefs Advisory Board for multi-region/national efforts.
- The center would provide independent review support, to supplement the capabilities of the MSC regional planning expertise centers. This would be especially important in those cases where an MSC can not satisfy the inter-district review requirement when the expertise within the MSC is limited to a single physical location.
- The center would provide advice to HQUSACE, the laboratories and other stakeholders on significant regional and nation-wide planning issues.
- The center would assist in establishing research and development priorities in the mission area, coordinating the recommendations of the Planning Chiefs Advisory Board and with the established MSC lead that coordinates the review of research and development initiatives for the mission area.
- The center would be a proponent for training opportunities related to the assigned mission area.
- The center would manage a program of sharing lessons through coordination with the MSC regional planning expertise centers, sponsoring workshops and technology transfer.
- The center would supplement the HQUSACE staff in policy compliance review on projects where the center has had no prior participation, on an as requested reimbursable basis at times of very high workload such as before a potential WRDA.
- The center would enhance basic planning expertise throughout the Corps by providing shadowing opportunities of individuals with specialized planning expertise.

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Commander, South Pacific Division, CESPD

Commander, Southwestern Division, CESWD